

REMARKS

In the outstanding Final Office Action¹ ("Office Action"), the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-18, 31, and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Office Action at 2. Below, Applicant respectfully traverses the above-identified claim rejections.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-18, 31 and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being "indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Id. Particularly, the Examiner contends that the claim term "examiner," as recited in independent claims 1 and 31, is not clearly linked to corresponding structure in the Specification. Id. at 3. Without agreeing with the Examiner's contentions, and in the interest of expediting prosecution and placing the claims in condition for allowance, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 31 to address the Examiner's concerns. Particularly, Applicant has amended these claims to replace "examiner" with the phrase "one or more processors." Support for these amendments may be found at least at page 23, lines 6-9; page 27, lines 6-7; and page 39, line 16 - page 40, line 15; and Figures 29-37 of the Specification.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3-18, 31 and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. As the amendments made herein place the pending claims in condition for allowance, Applicant requests prompt favorable action.

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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